

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, the 11th September 1958.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at ten of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

I.—ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The first item on the agenda to-day is the election of the Chairman under Article 182 of the Constitution of India. Nominations for this Office have already taken place.

Under rule 12 (4) of the Madras Council Rules, I have first to read out to the House the names of Members who have been duly nominated together with those of their proposers and seconders. They are—

Serial number and name of candidate.	*Name of proposer.*	*Name of seconder.*
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 **Dr. P. V. Cherian** ..	**Dr. T. V. Sivanandam** ..	**Sri S. R. P. Ponnuswami Chettiar.**
2 **Dr. P. V. Cherian** ..	**Sri V. S. Balasundaram** ..	**Sri S. P. Sivasubramanya Nadar.**

As only one Member has been proposed for election, namely, Dr. P. V. Cherian, I declare him duly elected as Chairman, Madras Legislative Council, unopposed. (Loud cheers.)

It only remains for me to tender to the Hon. Dr. P. V. Cherian my sincere congratulations on his election and I call upon him to occupy the Chairman's Chair. When the Hon. the Chairman goes to occupy the Chair, I request all hon. Members to stand up and resume their seats only after the Chairman has taken his seat. After he takes the Chair, congratulatory speeches will be made. Now, I call upon the Hon. the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition to conduct Dr. P. V. Cherian to the Chair.

Then, the Hon. Dr. P. V. Cherian was conducted to the Chair by the Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman and Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.

II.—CONGRATULATORY SPEECHES ON THE ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I rise to offer the felicitations of the Government and the Members of this House on your unanimous election as Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council. Sir, on occasions like this, it is customary to dwell at great length on the importance of the office and the qualities required for effectively conducting the proceedings of this

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House and for maintaining its dignity, decorum and so on and so forth. But, all these things have become superfluous on this occasion because of the excellent work which you have turned out as Chairman of the Madras Legislative Council during the first term of office as its Chairman. Sir, your fairness to the Government and to the Opposition, your firmness against any deviation in decorum or the limits of the debate and your friendliness to all Members of this House have endeared you to all the Members of this House as well as the people of Madras. It is only in the fitness of things that one who has occupied this high office with rare distinction should be called upon to continue to render useful service as you have now been asked to do to-day. (Cheers.) More than the personal qualities which you possess, it is your great regard for the traditions of parliamentary institutions and parliamentary democracy in this country in the early, formative period that has come to play a very prominent part during your term of office as Chairman.

Sir, this is an occasion when I have to refer to another more important aspect of your election. We are to-day establishing a very healthy convention, well-known in parliamentary democracies, of continuing to elect as the Presiding Officer of a Legislature, a person who has filled that office during the previous term. (Cheers.) This convention is very important in democracies, because it ensures that the person who holds the office of Chairman will not have to look to the support of either the Government or the Opposition for the purpose of being returned to the same office again. I am aware, Sir, that, in the choice of the Chairman of the Legislative Council, Government had to balance a large number of considerations, such as social justice to other minority communities and so forth. But, I am very happy to inform this House that the Government ultimately came to the conclusion that observance of the convention was more important and a proper duty on their part than to yield to questions of social justice. So, it is with very great pleasure, Sir, that we are to-day inaugurating a convention which I am sure will be followed both in this House and in the other House in times to come. (Cheers.)

Sir, I may not be pulled up for being somewhat irrelevant if I take this occasion to welcome the new Members who have come into this House. It is a matter for great pleasure and gratification to all of us that the distinguished Leader of the Opposition, Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, has been returned to this House again. (Cheers.) He has filled the office of the Leader of the Opposition with rare distinction. In fact, he has struck a balance between opposing the Government and giving them discriminatory support in such a manner that very few people can improve upon though many people may try to imitate it. We are happy that he is back with us for taking this role of Leader of the Opposition again. The personnel of the House is also enriched by a very eminent jurist, who has held the highest office in the Judiciary in India. (Cheers.) I look forward to very helpful co-operation from him.

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I shall be failing in my duty if I do not mention the inclusion of the talented aritiste of South India, the greatest exponent of art and culture of Tamil Nad. I am sure she will be able to enthral the Members of this House as she has been enthralling large numbers of people with her delightful music. (Cheers.) I also welcome the distinguished educationists and other public men who have come into this House. We look forward to an era of fruitful co-operation under your guidance, Mr. Chairman, in this House. (Cheers.)

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR: Mr. Chairman, I wish to associate myself wholeheartedly with the felicitations that have been offered by the Hon. the Leader of the House on your unanimous election as Chairman of this Legislative Council. Having known you for so many years, for a longer period than any other Member of this House, I can very well vouch for the fact that this House is indeed very happy and fortunate in having secured for itself your services to act as its Chairman.

Sir, to one who is elected to this office for a second term, in would be sheer impertinence on my part to suggest what the traditions should be, how the Chairman is expected to get on with the Members who are not always easily amenable and who do not see eye to eye with the Chairman, what he should do and what he should not do and all those things. On this occasion, I am sure that with your rich experience in this House and of the other Houses in this country and the richer experience that you have gained by your visit to the Parliament, the mother of democracies and other Assemblies, your views, advice and guidance will be of the greatest moment.

Sir, speaking of parliamentary traditions, I do not wish to strike a discordant note, but I may be permitted to state that it is the usual convention in Parliaments, when the Chairman or the Speaker is to be elected, for the Leader of the House or those sitting on the Treasury Benches to consult those in the Opposition. On this occasion, though I am not sorry it has not been done, I do wish that this sound convention and parliamentary tradition and courtesy would be extended on all possible occasions so that we may set an example to the rest of India as to how a Legislature should conduct itself.

Sir, I am sure that you will realize that we who are sitting on this side do not count for numbers at all. But I hope we do count for something. Therefore, I beseech your benignant left eye to cast its vision sometimes on persons who are sitting on this side of the House as you have done so often and to give us a little more of charitable disposition as you have always given, more particularly to me, Sir, a person who is not always limiting himself to the time much to your inconvenience and that of other Members.

Let me also add this, Sir; in my opinion, the position of Speaker or Chairman in a Legislature is far more important than the position of the Members of the Treasury Bench or of the 10-10 a.m.

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Opposition. And as I look back upon the record of this House, I must congratulate you, Sir, first and foremost, on having maintained the highest tradition in that respect. I wish to assure you of our wholehearted support and we shall unquestionably follow your rulings and will obey whatever your decisions may be in that respect. I can assure you on behalf of my Party that there is not one of us here who will question your rulings under any circumstances because of the parliamentary tradition that the Chair is occupied by a person who does not see anything in common with this or that Party, this or that individual, but only plays the highest role of maintaining the honour and dignity of the House.

I wish also to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House in welcoming such a large number of Members to this House. I am a little disappointed that I will not be in a position to welcome some of them or more of them to this side of the House. (Laughter.) But I give the pleasure to the Hon. the Leader of the House to have more Members behind him than are necessary for him even. (Laughter.) That apart, I wholeheartedly welcome them because whatever differences of views we may have, I have enjoyed my position in this House for the last ten years because of the very friendly atmosphere that has prevailed amongst its Members. Every single Member sitting on one side of the House or the other has been friendly and I hope that that tradition will continue for all time to come.

Sir, let me once more express, on behalf of all of us here, our great appreciation of the fact that you are occupying this place again and will help the parliamentary traditions to continue to be observed in this House. Thank you, Sir.

Dr. MAHOMED USMAN : May I be permitted to sit and speak?

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Yes.

* Dr. MAHOMED USMAN : Sir, I beg to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House and the hon. the Leader of the Opposition on your re-election. You have been a very successful Chairman during the last six years. And I am very glad you have come back to guide us for another six years. I take this opportunity of congratulating you most heartily on your re-election as Chairman of the Council. I wish you every good luck.

* Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Mr. Chairman, I rise to congratulate you on the occasion of your unanimous election as Chairman of this House. With your rich experience of parliamentary traditions and the working of Parliaments in Western countries, gathered as a result of your visit as our country's representative to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference last year, you have contributed not a little in establishing wholesome conventions and conducting the deliberations of this House in a most remarkable way to the satisfaction of all Members of this House. I am sure,

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in your own inimitable way, you will see that opportunity is given to all Members of this House to take part in the deliberations of this House in spite of the fact that there is only limited time allotted for the discussion of the various subjects that come up for discussion here. I hope you will continue to carry on your duties with the same amount of zeal as before, maintaining at the same time due decorum and dignity in the House.

Permit me, Sir, on this occasion to refer to a few matters which, I feel, should receive your kind attention. It has been the common complaint from the Opposition—and I believe that there is a certain amount of justification also for that—that our business rules are not very strictly followed in the matter of notice of motions given by the Hon. Ministers and notice of amendments given by hon. Members. The Hon. the Leader of the House, a strict parliamentarian as he is, is very keen on maintaining high parliamentary traditions and observing the rules strictly. Yesterday, he said, with reference to motions to be made in the House, that it was not the Government but the Business Advisory Committee that was to blame in the matter. I hope, Sir, you and the Hon. the Leader of the House will discuss these matters and see that no opportunity is afforded to the Opposition or any other Member of the House for making any remarks on this important question.

I would also request you to see that more non-official days are allotted for transaction of non-official business in the House. Hon. Members have spoken to me about this and I felt that this was the fittest occasion to bring the matter to your notice as well as to that of the Leader of the House, so that you may see whether the rules on the subject require any modification. More days and more time should be allotted for the transaction of non-official work so that the demand of non-official Members may be satisfactorily met.

The constitution of a Parliamentary Association was discussed some time ago and we had a report also of the proceedings of the last Conference of Presiding Officers published in the newspapers. Yesterday, during question-time, hon. Members desired that the Members of Parliament from this State should have full opportunity to plead our case in parliamentary discussions. The constitution of an Indian Parliamentary Association, I believe, will afford an excellent opportunity for such discussions. The aim of the Association was stated to be to provide a forum where Members of Parliament as also Members of State Legislatures could constitute themselves into a parliamentary or legislative group irrespective of party affiliations and discuss freely questions of policy and programmes affecting the respective States. I hope you will use your good offices to see that the Association is established and starts functioning in an efficient and useful way.

Another matter to which I wish to refer is the proposal to construct a new Council Chamber. You are certainly aware of the urgency for this and I am not asking for any special comforts for

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hon. Members. (The Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman: Poor advocate!) Dr. Sreenivasan, who is not here now, would also agree with me that we must have moving space in the Council Chamber. After the passing of the Legislative Councils Act in 1957, we have 63 Members. For want of accommodation, we find sofas on either side of the Chair to provide accommodation for the
10-20 a.m. additional Members. In the present Chamber there is very little provision made for the Press and Visitors' galleries. The first row in the galleries is set apart for the Press and the next row for the visitors. The portion on the western side of the second and third rows is set apart for ladies. There is no provision for the Chairman's gallery, the gallery for M.L.A.'s and M.L.C.'s and the Governor's box. You see, Sir, a most distinguished visitor now, the Mayor of Madras, is occupying a corner there. She deserves to be provided with a better seat in the Chamber.

You may remember, Sir, you constituted an *ad hoc* committee to consider this question. The Hon. the Finance Minister assured us the other day in reply to a question that plans and estimates had been called for and that necessary funds would be provided when these plans and estimates were ready. I request you, Sir, specially to take all the interest in the matter and see that this is got through and that necessary funds are provided in the coming Budget.. I am sure, Sir, you will do this.

Sir, I would also invite your kind attention in this connexion to Article 187 (1) of the Constitution which states that each House of the Legislature of a State shall have a separate Secretariat staff. Of course, there is a proviso that nothing in this clause can be stated to prevent the creation of posts common to both the Houses of Legislature in the State. Certainly, you can have posts common to both the Houses as we have common posts for all Secretariat departments. But the Constitution definitely states that each House of the Legislature shall have a separate Secretariat. That is so in the Central Parliament. The proviso to the Article I referred to only permits the creation of common posts. There is no objection to it. But that does not mean that there should be a common Secretariat as at present. A separate Secretariat is certainly necessary. I feel that the Council should have a Secretariat of its own. I trust you will examine this question thoroughly and do the needful about it and see that a separate Secretariat is provided for the efficient working of the Legislative Council.

Lastly, Sir, I should like to bring to your notice that a system of passes has now been introduced. I do not see any necessity for it at all. This is a small House and there are the security officers posted all round the House and they know the hon. Members of this House. I feel there is no necessity for the pass system and I request you to see that it is annulled. With these few words, Sir, I have great pleasure in congratulating you on your unanimous re-election as Chairman.

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* SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, permit me to offer my warmest felicitations to you on your unanimous re-election to the exalted office of Chairman of this august House, the Madras Legislative Council. Your unanimous re-election is a fitting tribute to the signal services you have rendered to this House for the past six years. You have maintained the dignity and decorum of this Upper House and filled the office with grace, dignity and colour. You have maintained the traditions of the House, created and established by the earlier Indian Presidents of the Council like Sir P. Rajagopalachariar, and Sri L. D. Swamikannu Pillai. You have never permitted any levity to creep into the proceedings of the House. I am sure God will give you the grace, strength and happiness to carry on the duties of this high office not only for another six years but for another term of six years, say, for another twelve years at least. With these words, I once more congratulate you on your unanimous re-election.

* SRI T. G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is needless for me to reiterate that I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House and the hon. the Leader of the Opposition and the hon. Member Sri T. Purushotham, though he threatened to mar the pleasantness of the occasion by talking so much of boring shop. (Interruption.) As the Hon. the Leader of the House confessed, his Party, I am glad to note, has created a healthy convention that the incumbent of the office of Chairman should be continued for another term of six years unless the Chairman himself chooses to step down in favour of younger blood, which I am sure, Mr. Chairman, you will do at the end of this term.

Sir, the only wisest thing the Congress leadership in this State has done in all the ten years of its administration is this thing.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : The only thing!

AN HON. MEMBER : Only wisest thing.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There are perhaps wise and wiser things.

* SRI T. G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, before your nomination to the office was announced finally by the Congress Party, I was hearing so many rumours and the hon. the Leader of the Opposition also unfortunately hinted at these rumours in his speech when he mentioned about social justice and other things. (An hon. Member : It is the Hon. the Leader of the House.) Yes.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : The hon. Member seems to be predicting that the hon. the Leader of the Opposition will become the Leader of the House.

* SRI T. G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : I would only wish for that day when at least we can have a better administration.

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Sir, I was hearing a spate of rumours and I could not really compromise myself with those rumours I heard. Mr. Chairman, in all these six years you occupied the Chair intellectually in the matter of efficiency as well as physically so well (laughter), that it was simply impossible for me to visualise you sitting as an ordinary Member somewhere in a corner, as was observed by the hon. Member Sri Purushotham, about the Mayor sitting in a corner. Later on, just two days ago, I heard about the choice of the Congress Party and I was really happy.

As the hon. the Leader of the Opposition observed, it is not for me to suggest, how you should conduct yourself during this term of your office as Chairman. But one simple request I would make of you is this. During your last term you have been quite impartial. You have never shown any peculiar predilections to the Party which assisted you in becoming the Chairman. Now and then I have noted a slight disinclination on your part to hamper the business of the Government by giving opportunity to the Opposition, rather too much opportunity to criticise or make speeches. As the hon. the Leader of the Opposition rightly observed, the Congress organization has too many people than are
10-30 a.m. necessary for it. That being so, the Opposition must be given greater chances to speak on Bills than the Congress Members. The Ministers sponsor Bills and reply to the debate. So, it is not absolutely necessary for every Congress Member to speak. But here, myself and my hon. Friend Sri Karayalar represent the Indian National Democratic Congress. We have seceded from the Congress and have formed a separate organization.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : We are sorry for that.

* SRI T. G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Some two and a half hours are allotted for discussion on a particular Bill. The Ministers take up well-nigh an hour. In the remaining one and a half hours only twenty minutes must be given to the Congress side and one hour and ten minutes must be allotted to the Opposition side. I am not criticising you, Sir. Rather no such convention was established. My only request to you is that you may establish such a healthy convention. That is being followed in the Mother of Parliaments. The Opposition is given much greater chance than the Treasury Benches because the Ministers have their say. They initiate the debate and then wind it up. So, the Congress side is more than represented by the Ministers.

SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER : All the same they have to attend the meetings.

* SRI T. G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : They have to attend because they have to raise their hands to vote for the Bills and not to speak on the Bills.

Mr. Chairman, I once again congratulate you and wish you a very long life. I am sure you will live for many more years. Though I may not completely agree with the hon. Member Sri John

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Asirvatham that you should continue for another term also as Chairman, you should live to see another Chairman being elected and this healthy convention being carried on continuously.

Thank you, Sir.

* SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to associate myself with the many expressions of congratulations on your re-election to this House. You have been a distinguished Chairman, maintaining the high dignity of this great office. Your reputation and your stewardship of this high office have been internationally known and acknowledged. High encomiums were paid to you by the members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association while I was in London. We wish you a long term, not for six years but all over the years, of this great office which you fill so well. (Interruption) I am definitely against the remark of Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthy that you should be Chairman only for one term.

As the hon. Member Sri T. Purushotham said, I would also like to put in a plea. You have been very fair, Sir, to the lady Members of this House. But I would like you to associate the ladies with many more committees than they are associated with now, because I feel that except in a few cases the lady Members are relegated only to not so important committees. I think we are as capable as our men Members and I hope you will see that we are associated more and more with the committees though we are only five in number in this House. I associate myself with the congratulations offered to you.

*DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, தாங்கள் மீண்டும் இம்முறை தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டது பற்றி என்னுடைய மகிழ்ச்சியையும் பாராட்டுதலையும் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன். தங்களுடைய திறமையும், நடு நிலைமையும், சாமார்த்தியமும் யாவரும் அறிந்தவையே. ஆதலினாலே, அவற்றைப்பற்றி நான் அதிக நேரம் பேசப் போவதில்லை.

பிரிட்டன் பாராளுமன்றத்திற்கும், பிற தேசங்களுக்கும் சென்று, தாங்கள் சுற்றுப்பிரயாணம் செய்து, அந்த நாட்டு அனுபவங்களோடு திரும்பிவந்திருக்கும் செய்தி நம்முடைய இந்தக் கவுன்சிலுக்கு கட்டாயம் மிகவும் பயன்படும் என்றும் அதற்கு இலாபமாக இருக்கும் என்றும் நான் உறுதியாக நம்புகிறேன். ஆகையால், மிக்க நல்ல பண்பும், திறமையும், சாமர்த்தியமும் வாய்ந்த தாங்கள் மீண்டும் தலைவராகத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டது பற்றி என்னுடைய மகிழ்ச்சியையும் பாராட்டுதலையும் தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு அமருகிறேன்.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, let me talk about my credenials first. I have been a Member of this House along with you all these five or six years, and I hope to be here for another four years without any break. With the grace and blessings of all of you, I may come back again, and I hope the hon. Member Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthy will not object to it. (laughter) even though I am fairly old enough, according to his principle. I shall not mar this occasion by any references to our various grievances or our quarrels or any occasion on which you

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might not have asked me to speak. All those things I forget. You have not given room for any such criticism. This is a happy occasion when we should forget such things and express our sincere good feelings about you.

For the last six years I have noted with great care and also with a critical eye your conduct of the proceedings of this House and I can say without any fear of contradiction that you have upheld the dignity of this House, that you have followed an impartial procedure which the Chairman should adopt and that you have conducted the proceedings with decorum, kindness and courtesy to all Members of this House. That is a great thing for a Speaker or Chairman of an august assembly like this.

I feel that this House is not inferior to any other House either in this State or in any other State or even to the Mother of Parliaments. This House consists of very distinguished Members. Some of them are an asset to this House. I shall name only one or two like Dr. Mahomed Usman and our Leader of the Opposition here. One more distinguished Member has been added to this House recently, namely, Sri Patanjali Sastry, retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Therefore, this is an august House, consisting of very distinguished people and to sit as Chairman of this House is itself a signal honour and that honour you deserve. Therefore, your re-election is certainly a matter for congratulation not only to you but to all of us here.

As a Member of the Opposition here, I can vouch for your impartiality and your courtesy to the Members of the Opposition. I won't agree with the hon. Member Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthy that we have not been given enough opportunities to speak. Some of us may not have had sufficient time, but the Opposition as such has been given sufficient time by you. I must state that because of my experience here as a Member of the Opposition. There are other Opposition Parties. I am not talking about them. But as far as the Opposition that has been officially recognised is concerned, I can say that you have always given us sufficient opportunities to express our criticisms and views.

You have visited other countries and I am glad you have not visited Soviet Russia and I mention that because I do not know whether there is any parliamentary institution there worth imitation by us. In the Conference of Presiding Officers of the Legislatures in this country your part has been very notable and that has been recognised by the Speakers and the Chairmen of Legislative Assemblies and Councils in the other States also. Hence, your unanimous re-election as Chairman of this House is befitting. I would add, as was done by Sri Parthasarathy Ayyangar and Sri Sivaswami Ayyar, you will fit the Chair and fit it fittingly.

* **SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :** தலைவர் அவர்களே, நாட்டில் இயங்கும் மக்கள் ஆட்சி முறையிலே சில மரபுகளும் முறைகளும் கையாளப்படவேண்டும், நிலைநிறுத்தப்படவேண்டும் என்ற உறுதிப்பாடு உடைய எங்களைப் போன்றவர்கள், அது தகர்க்கப்படுமோ என்று கவலைப் பட்டுக்கொண்டிருந்த நேரத்திலே, தங்களையே மீண்டும் இந்தத் தலைமைப்

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பதவிக்கு நியமனம் செய்வதாகக் காங்கிரஸ் கட்சியினர் முடிவு செய்ததைக் கேட்டு நாங்கள் மிகவும் மகிழ்ச்சி அடைந்தோம். ஆகவே, இந்தச் சபையிலுள்ள எல்லா அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கும் தங்களிடத்திலே இருக்கின்ற நன்மதிப்பை நன்கு அறிந்து, இந்த மரபை அவர்கள் நீடிக்கும்படி செய்து, தங்கள்பால் அவர்களுக்குள்ள நம்பிக்கையைத் தெரிவித்ததற்காக மிகவும் பாராட்டுவதுடன் என்னுடைய மகிழ்ச்சியை மீண்டும் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகின்றேன்.

நமது சபையின் முதல்வர், கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தான் பேசும்போது, தாங்கள் ஒரு மனதாகத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டது மிகவும் பாராட்டத்தக்கது என்று மிகவும் நன்ருகச் சொன்னுர்கள். அந்த மரபுக்கு ஒரு மெருகு கொடுத்திருந்தால் மிகவும் அழகாக இருந்திருக்கும் என்று நான் கருதுகிறேன். எப்படியெனில், தங்களை நியமனம் செய்யும்போது, காங்கிரஸ் கட்சிக்குக் கொடுத்த வாய்ப்பைப் போலவே, மற்றக் கட்சிகளும் தங்களுக்கு இஷ்டமானவருடைய பெயரைப் பிரேரேபிக்கும்படி வாய்ப்புக் கொடுத்திருந்தால், இந்த மரபுக்கு எவ்வளவோ மெருகு கொடுத்ததாக இருக்கும் என்று நான் உண்மையிலேயே கருதுகின்றேன். ஆகவே, வருங்காலத்திலாவது இந்த மரபு கடைப்பிடிக்கப்படும் என்று நான் நினைக்கின்றேன்.

தங்களுடைய வரலாற்றைப் பற்றியோ, பரந்த அனுபவத்தைப்பற்றியோ, நீங்கள் செய்திருக்கின்ற பல வேலைகளைப்பற்றியோ சிறியோனுகிய யான் சொல்லப் போவதில்லை. ஏனென்ருல், தாங்கள் எல்லாவற்றிலும் முதிர்ந்தவர்கள். தங்களுடைய அனுபவம்பற்றி மற்ற கனம் அங்கத்தினர்கள் நன்ருகப் பேசிவிட்டார்கள். நான் ஒன்றிரண்டு விஷயங்களை மாத்திரம் சொல்லி என் பேச்சை முடித்துக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

சட்டசபைக் கட்டிடம் போதாத நிலைமையில் இருப்பதால், புதிய கட்டிடம் தங்கள் காலத்திலேயே கட்டி முடியும் தருவாயில் இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே, அந்த மன்றம் கூடுகின்ற கூடம், அதைச் சுற்றி உறுப்பினர்கள் தங்கக் கூடிய இடங்கள், அறைகள் எப்படி இருக்க வேண்டும் என்று தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்காக சபை அங்கத்தினர்களை அழைத்து அவர்களுடைய கருத்தை அறிந்து செய்தால், மிகவும் உபயோககரமாக இருக்கும் என்ற கருத்தினை நான் தெரிவித்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

அடுத்தபடியாக, இந்த இடத்திலே ஒரு விண்ணப்பம் செய்துகொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன். அதாவது, சபையிலே கேள்வி கேட்கும்போது மூலக் கேள்வி போட்டவர்களுக்கு உப-கேள்விகள் கேட்கும் வாய்ப்பு முதலில் அளிக்கப்பட வேண்டும், அவர்களுக்கு அடிக்கடி வாய்ப்புக் கிடைக்கக்கூடிய முறையில் இருக்கவேண்டும். அதைத் தடுக்காத முறையிலே, ஆட்சியினர் பக்கத்தில் இருக்கின்றவர்கள் இடைஞ்சல் பண்ணுமல் இருக்க வேண்டும் என்பதுதான் எங்களுடைய விண்ணப்பம் என்று தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். ஆனுல், இந்தக் காரியத்திலே மிகவும் சலுகை காட்டி, எங்களை ஆதரித்திருக்கிறீர்கள். அதுபோன்றே, இன்னும் தொடர்ந்து ஆதரித்து வருவீர்கள் என்று நம்புகிறேன். குறிப்பாக, என்னைப் போன்றவர்கள், முன் அறிவிப்பு இல்லாமலே திடீரென்று பேசவேண்டுமென்று விருப்பம் தெரிவிக்கும்போது, அதற்குக்கூட சலுகை காட்டி, நேரமும் கூட்டிக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறீர்கள். அந்தச் சலுகையையும் ஆதரவையும் நாங்கள் இழந்துவிடமாட்டோம் என்று கருதுகிறேன்.

தாங்கள் தங்களுடைய இருக்கையில் கம்பீரமாக வீற்றிருக்கிறீர்கள். பார்ப்பதற்கு எங்களுக்கே அது ஒரு பெருமையைக் கொடுக்கிறது. ஆனுல், இந்தச் சபையைச் சுற்றி இருக்கும் காப்பாளர்களுக்குக் கொடுத்திருக்கும் குல்லாயைப் பார்க்கும்போது, எனக்குக் கொஞ்சம்கூட பிடிக்கவே இல்லை. அதை எப்படியாவது மாற்றியமைக்கவேண்டும். நமக்குரிய சிவப்பு நிறத்தையாவது அவர்களுடைய குல்லாய்க்குக் கொடுத்து, ஒரு பார்வையாகச் செய்து கொடுக்கவேண்டும்.

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ஆகவே, அந்தக் காரியத்திலே நீங்கள் கவனம் செலுத்தவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டு, உங்கள் பதவிக் காலத்திலே இன்னும் நல்ல மரபுகள் ஏற்படவேண்டுமென்றும், எங்களைப்போன்ற எதிர்க்கட்சியில் இருக்கின்றவர்கள் இந்தச் சபையில் நல்ல பணி ஆற்றுவதற்குத் தாங்கள் வாய்ப்புக் கொடுப்பீர்கள் என்றும் நம்பிக்கை தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு, தங்களுடைய பதவிக்காலம்நன்றாக இருக்கும் என்று என்னுடைய மகிழ்ச்சியையும் வாழ்த்துக்களையும் தெரிவித்து என்னுடைய வார்த்தையை முடித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். வணக்கம்.

10.40 a.m. SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Mr. Chairman, I associate myself with the very good sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House and by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition and others in offering their felicitations to you. On this important and happy occasion of your being re-elected as Chairman of this House for a further period of six years, as was rightly said by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition—and I share his views as a Member of the Opposition for the last four or five years—I want to say that we have had no real cause for complaint against you. You have been very fair, more so to the Opposition and particularly to me, and I hope you will maintain that tradition in the years to come also. On the occasion of your re-election, at least for two or three days you may allow us to say whatever we wish to say *suo motu*. I hope you will allow it, Sir. (Laughter.) Rules could be relaxed in our favour once in a way.

Sir, I do not want to enter into any controversy on this occasion, if I refer to the speech made by the hon. Member Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthy. Some such change is always necessary. If all the speeches are of the same type, they may not be good and interesting. Sir, it was said that it was the Government's decision to have you re-elected as Chairman for a second term. I do admit that it is wrong to say that it was the decision of the Government. It is the decision of the House. The House thought it fit to re-elect you for a second term. Of course, the party in power has to take a decision in the matter. But, what I wish to state is this. A good number of the Opposition Members, if not all, would have supported you if, unfortunately, there had been a contest. I leave the matter at that.

Coming to the question of social justice, we have heard some clarification. It was not made very clear. Still, mention was made about it. Now, my hon. Friend Sri Purushotham has rightly taken this opportunity to expatiate on many subjects. The hon. Member Sri T. G. Krishnamoorthy who is not here now was unfair to him, when he said that his speech was boring. It was not so. His speech was very interesting. While listening to his speech, I was really feeling whether I was in this House or the other House. He discussed the subjects threadbare and gave various suggestions. I hope the Government will consider all these suggestions of his. But, the real difficulty with the hon. Member Mr. Purushotham is that he is making too many suggestions and proposals and that, therefore, the Government do not take cognizance of any of them. Therefore, if he confines himself to a few of them, I hope the Government will give due weight to them, wherever necessary.

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Sir, the Hon. the Leader of the House was right and it was in the fitness of things when he welcomed the new Members. We have Sri P. T. Rajan whom we have welcomed already. He has proved to be an asset to this House. I wish he is more harsh and vehement with the Government hereafter. I am not casting aspersions on anybody. We have a great jurist in Mr. Patanjali Sastry who has come into this House. In these days, when Government rush up with all sorts of legislation, when the legal aspects have to be carefully studied, it is good that we have eminent jurists in this House. We have already Mr. Balasubramanya Ayyar, who is no doubt very helpful. Still, we are all the more happy that we have persons of the standing of Mr. Sastry, who will be able to point out the various defects in some of the Bills. At least the public will know what legal lacunae we are able to point out, in present-day legislation. We are also happy to have Members like Mr. Damodaran and Dr. Chidambaranathan whom we welcome. I am also happy to welcome my colleague to my right, Mr. Karayalar. I know him from the days when we both were Members of the Legislative Assembly. He is a very good friend of mine. Unfortunately, he was behind the Treasury Benches all along in the past, but fortunately, he is now with us. We want such people who know the weaknesses of the party in power. We want such enthusiastic persons of a different type and of a different character. (Sri T. Purushotham : Of a different character !). I am sorry. We want people in various walks of life. We, in the Opposition, do want a few politicians. We want the Government to realize that they cannot carry on things in their own way. If there were people who have the necessary experience in the working of the administration, they could express their views without any feeling or bias. They can bring to our notice all the shortcomings of the Government. I do not say that the Government have shortcomings always. But, wherever they exist and whenever they commit mistakes, the Opposition should be able to point them out. It is in this connexion I say that I am very happy to have Mr. Karayalar on our side. I am sure that, as long as he is a Member, he will be with us. Especially for politicians, there is no safer place than the Opposition. To be a Member of the Opposition is the safest at the present time. I am not saying this because we cannot come and we have no chance now to come to the other side and as a matter of consolation. If one is in the Opposition, one can at least express what one wants to express boldly and bring to the notice of the House any shortcomings of the Government. Many a time, we have boldly put forth our case and have also been successful.

Last but not the least, I congratulate the Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman on his re-election. We are really happy that he has been re-elected to this House. He has contributed to the proceedings of this House a great deal. He has been very fair towards the Opposition and has accommodated us as far as possible; I use the phrase 'as far as possible' advisedly. Now, on the eve of his going to the United Nations Organization to represent our country there,

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we wish him well. We shall watch with interest and pride the great contributions that he will be making in that august Assembly. We will really be happy that a representative of our State and the Leader of our House has a great deal of contribution to make in the United Nations Organization.

On this occasion, I once again offer my felicitations to you, Mr. Chairman, on your re-election. Surely, we will be having the benefit of the wide experience which you have had all over the world. We can really be proud of the fact that this House is really second to none in any country in regard to its proceedings. Thank you, Sir.

10-50 a.m. * SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Mr. Chairman, let me associate myself with the sentiments expressed and felicitations offered to you by the Hon. the Leader of the House and other hon. Members on your re-election as Chairman. When I became a Member of this House two years ago, I was a little bit diffident. But I noticed that you, as Chairman, were indulgent and kind to new Members and my diffidence disappeared. You did not frown upon new Members when they made irrelevant remarks. That is a tip I can give to the new Members of the House now. Indulgent you have been and kind you have been and I request you to continue to be the same. You fill the Chair with dignity and grace. Your re-election is one more proof to show that the members of the teaching profession also could occupy positions of responsibility with grace, dignity and efficiency. We have in this House two great teachers—the Leader of the Opposition and the present Chairman. The teaching profession is particularly glad to know that you have been re-elected. You are level-headed. I would like to point out that teachers are generally level-headed and that great teachers are more level-headed. Once more I offer you my sincere felicitations.

* VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : மாண்புமிக்க மேல் மன்றத்தின் மதிப்பிற்குரிய தலைவர் அவர்களே, வணக்கம். உங்களை மனமார நாங்கள் வாழ்த்தி வரவேற்கின்றோம். புதிய அங்கத்தினர்களின் சார்பாக, சிறப்பாக, நான் உங்களை வரவேற்கக் கடமைப்பட்டிருக்கிறேன்.

பெரியீர், இந்த மன்றத்திலே இனி புதிய ஆங்கிலப் பெரும் புயற் காற்று வீசும் ; இனிய தீந்தமிழ்த் தென்றல் தவழும் ; அழகிய தமிழ்ப் பெருமழையும் பொழியும் ; இன்ப சங்கீதமும் சங்கீதப் பெருவெள்ளமும் புரண்டு வந்து, உங்களை ஆட்கொள்ளப் பார்க்கும். நீங்கள் விழிப்புடன் இருந்து, நேர்மையுற நடத்துவீர்கள் என்று நாங்கள் திண்ணமாக நம்புகின்றோம். நீங்கள் உடல் தத்துவத்தையும், மனோ தத்துவத்தையும் மிக நன்றாக உணர்ந்தவர்கள். அந்த முறையிலே, இந்த மன்றத்திலே தொடர்ந்து தலைவராக இருப்பதற்கு மிக மிகத் தகுதி வாய்ந்தவர்கள் என்பதுதான் எங்களுடைய உண்மையான கருத்து.

பெரியீர், இளைஞர்களுக்கு வாய்ப்பு அளிக்கவேண்டுமென்று இங்கே பேசிய ஒரு அன்பர் குறிப்பிட்டார். நான் அவர்களுக்குத் தாழ்மையுடன் சொல்லிக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன் "உங்களைப்போல் ஊக்கத்திலேயும், உணர்ச்சியிலேயும், உற்சாகத்திலேயும் இளையவர்கள் வேறு ஒருவரும் இருக்க முடியாது" என்று. அத்தகைய சிறந்த அறிவு சான்ற, ஆற்றல் படைத்த, அன்புமிக்க நீங்கள் மறுபடியும் தலைவராக வந்திருப்பது நாங்கள் செய்த பாக்கியம் என்று தான் நினைக்கிறேன்.

நாங்கள் எல்லாம் புதியவர்கள். இப்பொழுதுதான் இந்த மன்றத்திலே அடியெடுத்து வைத்திருக்கிறோம். நீங்கள் பழம் பெரும் தலைவர். மறுபடியும் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறீர்கள். ஆகையால், அனுபவம் இல்லாதிருக்கின்ற எங்களுக்கு முதிர்ந்த அனுபவம் உள்ள உங்களுடைய சிறந்த தலைமை பெரிதும் பயன் பெறும் என்று நிச்சயமாக, திண்ணமாக நம்புகின்றேன்.

எல்லாம் வல்ல இறைவன் உங்களுக்கு நீண்ட ஆயுளும் நோயற்ற வாழ்வும் கொடுப்பார் என்று மனப்பூர்வமாக வேண்டிக்கொள்கிறேன். வணக்கம்.

* SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM : மதிப்பிற்குரிய தலைவர் அவர்களே, மாண்புமிக்க காங்கிரஸ் கட்சித் தலைவரும், மதிப்பிற்குரிய எதிர்க் கட்சித் தலைவரும் கூறியது போன்று, உங்களை நானும் மனப்பூர்வமாக வாழ்த்துகின்றேன். இதனிடையிலே, சட்டசபையிலுள்ள அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு நல்ல முறையிலே பல முறை தாங்கள் வாய்ப்பு அளித்திருந்த போதிலும், இன்னும் சரியான வகையில் அங்கத்தினர்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் வாய்ப்பு அளிக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ள நான் விரும்புகிறேன்.

ஒரு விஷயத்தில் பேசினவர்களே பேசிக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களே தவிர, சில குறிப்பிட்ட அங்கத்தினர்கள் பேசுவது என்றால் மிகவும் கஷ்டமான நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டு விடுகிறது ; பேச முடியாத நிலைமை ஏற்படுகிறது. அவகாசம் இல்லாத நிலையும் ஏற்பட்டு விடுகிறது. இந்த நிலை இல்லாமற்படிக்கு வருங்காலத்தில் எல்லோருக்கும் தகுந்த வாய்ப்பு அளிக்கவேண்டுமென்று தலைவர் அவர்களை நான் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

தவிர, என்னுடைய நண்பர் ஸ்ரீ வி. வி. ராமசாமி நாடார் அவர்கள் இந்தச் சபையைச் சுற்றி எங்கு பார்த்தாலும் வெள்ளைக் குல்லாய் போட்டவர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள், பார்ப்பதற்குச் சகிக்க முடியாத நிலையில் இருக்கிறது, உடனடியாக அதை அகற்றிவிடுவதற்காகத் தலைவர் அவர்கள் பாடுபடவேண்டும் என்று கூறினார்கள். நான் சொல்கிறேன்—ஒரு கருப்புக் குல்லாவாகவோ, சிகப்புக் குல்லாவாகவோ இல்லாமல், பரிசுத்தமான வெள்ளைக் குல்லாவாக போட்டுக்கொண்டு கம்பீரமாக இருப்பதைக் காண மிகவும் மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன். ஆகையால், இப்பேர்ப்பட்டதைத் தாங்கள் மாற்றிவிட வேண்டாம். என்றென்றைக்கும் அப்படியே அவர்கள் குல்லாய் அணிந்து இங்கு சேவை செய்யவேண்டும். ஏனென்றால், இது பண்டைய இந்திய நாட்டின் சின்னம். ஒரு அங்கத்தினர் சொன்னார் என்பதற்காக இதைத் தாங்கள் மாற்றிவிடக்கூடாது என்று சொல்லிக்கொண்டு தங்களைப் பரிபூர்ணமாக வாழ்த்துகிறேன்.

* SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER : Mr. Chairman, I am very happy indeed to associate myself with the fine sentiments expressed by the speakers who preceded me. Whatever happened before your unanimous re-election as Chairman of this august body, we are all happy to have you. It is a visible symbol of the affection of our people and of how they feel and act in matters like this. You, as a citizen of India, have made the West Coast meet the East Coast. With your international reputation, I am sure you will make the East and the West also meet—I mean the Asians, the Europeans and the Americans—and make them feel as one, since mankind is one. You know the world is shrinking in distance and time and it cannot live without an international outlook and catholicity of views. All these days many among us have been feeling that you are the fit person to occupy this exalted position. We feel that this House deserves you so well. It is said that "people get the Government they deserve" and so is the case with this House. I am so happy that a healthy convention has been established and

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I feel that you must occupy this position as many times as you can. After all, it is not a ministerial post, though it may be made to look like that. Anybody can be a Minister but everybody cannot be the Chairman of this Council. That is my feeling. With these few words, I once again congratulate you most heartily on your re-election.

Thank you, **Sir.**

11 a.m. * Sri **M. ETHIRAJALU** : மன்றத் தலைவர் அவர்களே, நீங்கள் சென்ற ஆறுவருட காலமாக இந்தச் சபையின் தலைமைப் பதவியிலிருந்து மீண்டும் பட்டதாரிகளால் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டு, இந்தச் சபையின் தலைமைப் பதவி மீண்டும் உங்களுக்கு வருமோ வராதோ என்ற எண்ணத்திலே ஏங்கிக்கொண்டிருந்த நாங்கள், எங்களுடைய உள்ளத்தில் ஏற்பட்ட அன்பினாலும், தாங்கள் எங்கள்மீது கடந்த ஆறு வருடமாகக் காட்டிய பரிவினாலும், எங்களுடைய உள்ளக் கிளர்ச்சி ஒருவிதமாக வெற்றி பெற்றது என்றுதான் நான் சொல்ல ஆசைப்படுகிறேன்.

தாங்கள் எங்களிடத்திலே காட்டிய அன்பு, பண்பு, பரிவு இவையெல்லாம் நாங்கள் என்றென்றும் மறக்க முடியாதவை. ஆறு வருடமாகத் தெரிந்தோ தெரியாமலோ இந்த மன்றத்தில் பேசக்கூடாத வார்த்தைகளை எவ்வளவு பேசினாலும், அவைகளையெல்லாம் பொருட்படுத்தாது, நீங்கள் எங்களை அன்புடன் நடத்தியிருக்கிறீர்கள். நீங்கள் இந்த மன்றத்திற்கு மட்டுமல்ல, இந்த நாட்டுக்கே, கல்வித் துறையிலும், மருத்துவத் துறையிலும் ஆற்றியிருக்கின்ற பணி, இந்த மாநிலம் மட்டுமல்ல, அகில உலகமே நன்றாக அறிந்த விஷயம். நீங்கள் மட்டும் அல்ல இந்த நாட்டுக்குச் சேவை செய்தது. உங்கள் அன்பு மனைவியாரும் கூட இந்த நாட்டிலே செய்திருக்கின்ற சேவையைச் சொல்ல முடியாது. அதற்கு எடுத்துக்காட்டாகத்தான், நீங்கள் இந்த சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்கே மேல்சபைத் தலைவராக இங்கு வீற்றிருக்கிறீர்கள். 15 லட்சம் ஜனத்தொகை கொண்ட சென்னை நகரத்திற்கு உங்களுடைய மனைவியார் தலைவியாக வீற்றிருக்கிறார்கள். ஆக, நீங்கள் இருபெரும் தலைவராகக் காட்சி அளிக்கின்றீர்கள். இந்த நாட்டிலே நீங்கள் இருவரும் தான் இந்த நிலையில் இருக்கிறீர்கள் என்று சொல்லிக்கொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்.

இந்த நிலையில் உங்களிடத்திலே இன்று சொல்லிக்கொள்ளக்கூடிய இரண்டொரு கோரிக்கைகள் இருக்கின்றன. எதிர்க் கட்சியிலே இருக்கும் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு அதிக நேரம் கொடுக்க வேணடுமென்று எங்கள் பக்கத்தில் உள்ளவர்களுக்கு 20 நிமிஷம் கொடுத்தால்போதும் என்றும் ஒரு அங்கத்தினர் தெரிவித்தார். இந்தச் சபையிலே என்னுடைய அனுபவத்திலிருந்து நான் சொல்கிறேன். இங்கு எதிர்க் கட்சி என்று ஒன்று இருப்பதாகத் தெரியவில்லை. ஆனால், சம்பிரதாயத்திற்கு மட்டும் எதிர்க் கட்சித் தலைவர் என்று இருக்கிறார். ஏன் இதைச் சொல்கிறேன் என்றால், எல்லோரும் ஒரேவிதமாக, நிரந்தரமாக அவர்களெல்லாம் பேசுவதிலிருந்து எல்லோரும் ஒருமுகமாகத்தான் விருப்பு வெறுப்பின்றி செயலாற்றுகிறார்கள் என்று நான் நினைக்கிறேன். இந்த நாட்டு மக்களுடைய கோரிக்கைகளைச் சிரமேற்கொண்டு உட்கார்ந்திருக்கும் நீங்கள், ஒருசில அங்கத்தினர்கள் சொல்லியதுபோல், எங்கள் விஷயத்தில் அந்த இடத்திலே முற்றுப்புள்ளி வைக்காமல், அவர்கள் பேசும் அளவுக்கு எங்களுக்கும் நேரம் அதிகமாகக் கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். எதிர்க் கட்சி என்ற முறையிலே அவர்களை இதுவரை நீங்கள் நடத்தியதில்லை. இன்னும் அது போலவே மீண்டும் நடத்தவேண்டுமென்றும்கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

அடுத்தபடியாக, இந்த சபையில், தமிழ் பேசும் அங்கத்தினர்கள் பெருவாரியாசு இருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை உங்களுடைய ஞாபகத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவர விரும்புகிறேன். ஆங்கிலம் பேசுபவர்களுக்கு எவ்வளவு தான் நீங்கள் அதிக நேரம் கொடுத்தபோதிலும், அதே நோத்தில் தமிழ் பேசும் எங்களுக்கும் ஆதரவு கொடுக்கவேண்டும். ஆங்கிலம் பேசுபவர்

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களுக்கும் தமிழ் பேசுபவர்களுக்கும் அடுத்தடுத்துப் பேசுவதற்கு நேரம் கொடுக்கும்படியாக நாங்கள் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகின்றோம். அப்படி இல்லாவிட்டால் ஒருவிதமான எண்ணம், ஒருவிதமான உணர்ச்சி எங்களுக்கும் ஏற்படுகிறது. அதை யாரும் தவிர்க்க முடியவில்லை. உங்களைப் புகழ்ந்து துதிபாடும் இந்த நேரத்தில், நாங்கள் எங்களுக்குள்ள குறைகளையும் சொல்லாமல் இருக்க முடியவில்லை.

நீங்கள் இந்தச் சட்டசபைக்கு எவ்வளவு பொருத்தமானவர் என்று நான் சொல்வது ஒருபுறமிருக்க, வெளியிலே போகும்போது பிறர் சொல்லுவதையும் கேட்டிருக்கிறோம். இருக்கும் இடத்திற்கும், உருவத்திற்கும் எவ்வளவு பொருத்தம் என்று சொல்கிற நேரத்திலே நாங்கள் எவ்வளவோ சந்தோஷமும் மகிழ்ச்சியும் அடையக்கூடிய நிலையில் இருக்கிறோம். அனுபவசாலியான நீங்கள் இந்தச் சபைக்கு, இப்பொழுது மட்டுமல்ல, என்றென்றும் தலைவராக வந்திருந்து, புதியவர்களுக்கும் மற்றவர்களுக்கும் வழிகாட்டியாக இருந்து, எங்களைத் திறம்படக் கொண்டு செல்வதற்கு ஆண்டவன் அருள் புரியவேண்டுமென்று சொல்லிக் கொண்டு, உங்களுக்கு நீண்ட ஆயுளையும், திடகாத்திர சரீரத்தையும் கொடுக்கும்படி எல்லாம் வல்ல இறைவனைப் பிரார்த்தித்துக்கொண்டு, என்னுடைய வணக்கத்தையும் தெரிவித்துக்கொண்டு, என்னுடைய உரையை முடித்துக்கொள்கின்றேன்.

* Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I won't trouble you or anybody now with a speech in Tamil. On this occasion of welcoming you, I like to speak in the language which you will understand and appreciate. Sir, I was not present here in this House at the time when you first came in as Chairman. I was elected to this House afterwards. But I am glad to find that during the term of my membership in this House, you have again been elected as Chairman. I welcome you for the reason that you are the fittest in this Council to occupy the Chair. In welcoming you here, I will be failing in my duty if I do not welcome your loving wife Mrs. Tara Cherian also whom I knew before I came to know you. She was my neighbour. I was watching her grow into fine womanhood and when she chose you as her husband, I was wondering whether you would fill the place as her husband. Now I find that you are fit to be her husband by becoming the Chairman of this Council. She is doing very good work as Mayor of the Corporation. I welcome you both, the good lady on the right carrying on the work of the Corporation and an equally good person on the left who will carry out the work of Chairman of this august body to the satisfaction of everybody.

One thing more, Sir, I should say in this connection. The Chairman is not a mere figurehead. I am not advising you. You must not only take orders but also give directions. You must be able to direct matters. The one thing I want to say now is that I have given notice of several questions in this Council. Answers to those questions are yet to come though several months have passed. I do not mean to say that you have not done your duty in calling for answers to those questions. But there is a certain amount of delay in calling for answers from the departments concerned.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : No.

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* SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : I wish you exercise more control and direction and see that the departments send the answers in due time. I am not making it a matter of complaint. I wish they come earlier.

Further, Sir, as many speakers have stressed the point, there can be no use of taking refuge behind the Business Advisory Committee. We are all here and everyone has a right, a birth-right to speak at least what he has got to say on a subject. Without any disparagement to anybody, I can say that on one occasion when an important subject was discussed for four days, I was waiting for all the four days for an opportunity to speak on the subject, but I did not get an opportunity to speak. I do not want to blame anybody for this. I took it as my misfortune. Every hon. Member of this House, either on this side or on the other side, owes it as duty to himself to speak what he thinks on a subject. Therefore, I expect you, Sir, to give equal opportunity to all Members, whether on the Opposition side or on the Government side, to speak on the subject on which they like to speak. I know you will very well do it.

Finally, Sir, I say that in this House as elsewhere, the time has come to conduct the deliberations in Tamil. The State has adopted Tamil as the official language of this State. Of course, the Government in power are trying to do their best. But my view is that they have not done as much as they ought to have done. Tamil typewriters are yet to come. Qualified shorthand typists are yet to be produced. The business of the House is not entirely conducted in Tamil. I request you, Sir, to expedite this work and facilitate the work of the Council being done in Tamil, so that it will give satisfaction not only to the Members but also to the general public outside. I chose to address you now in English and not in Tamil. Though I want to speak generally in Tamil, I wanted to show my regard for you by speaking in English because you know English, because I wanted my ideas to be expressed well, because other persons also must understand what I have spoken and because what I speak must be properly published. What all we say in Tamil is not properly translated and published in English.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Why do you speak in English?

* SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Because persons like the hon. Member are here who do not want to understand Tamil. If all of us here speak in Tamil, it will certainly be a great day. Then everyone will easily understand Tamil. Therefore, Sir, I request you to bear in mind this one duty you owe to Tamil Nad which has elected you to this high office for a second term and see that Tamil is promoted by all possible means so that it may be a language spoken, appreciated and understood by all.

Sir, I wish you good luck, great happiness and health and I also wish good luck, health and happiness for your wife and children so that all of you may be an asset to Tamil Nad.

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*SRI N. ANNAMALAI PILLAI: சேர்மன் சார், இன்றையதினம் தாங்கள் இந்தச் சபைக்கு மறு முறையும் சேர்மனுகத் தேர்ந்தெடுக் கப்பட்டதை மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் பாராட்டுகின்றேன். இந்த மகிழ்ச்சி என்னை மாத்திரம் பொருத்ததல்ல ; இங்கு உள்ளவர்கள் எல்லோரையும் பொருத்தது. எல்லோரும் அதைப்பற்றிப் பேசினுர்கள். தாங்கள் நீடூழி வாழவேண்டுமென்று ஆண்டவனைப் பிரார்த்திக்கின்றேன். நீடூழி வாழ் ந்து, சகல சம்பத்தும் பெற்று, பெரு வாழ்வு வாழ ஆண்டவனைப் பிரார்த்திக்கின்றேன். 11-10 a.m.

இந்தச் சபையில் தமிழே பேசவேண்டுமென்று அரசாங்கத்திலிருந்து ஒரு அறிக்கை வெளிவந்த பிறகும், தமிழ் பேசத் தெரிந்தவர்களும் ஆங்கிலத்திலேயே பேசிப் பழகிவிட்டதினுலே, பழகியதன் காரணமாக, அவர்கள், ஆங்கிலத்தில் பேசுகின்றுர்கள் என்று நினைக்கிறேன். இந்த நாட்டில் தமிழ் வளரவேண்டும், தமிழ் அபிவிருத்தி அடையவேண்டும், தமிழ் ஓங்கவேண்டும் என்று நினைத்தால், இந்தப் பாராளுமன்றத்திலே தமிழிலே பேசியாகவேண்டும். அந்தப் பழக்கம் நீடித்தால் நாடெங்கும் அது பரவி வரும். அன்னிய நாடுகளில் அவரவர்களுடைய பாஷைகளிலே தான் அவர்கள் பேசுகிறுர்கள் என்று, சேர்மன் அவர்கள் உட்பட, பல இடங்களுக்குச் சென்று வந்தவர்கள் சொல்வதை நான் கேட்டிருக்கிறேன். இந்தச் சபையில் இருக்கக்கூடிய பெரிய தலைவர்கள், எதிர்க் கட்சித் தலைவர் கனம் டாக்டர் லக்ஷ்மணசாமி முதலியார் உட்பட எல் லோரும் தமிழர்கள். தமிழில் பேசுவதற்கு என்ன கஷ்டம் இருக்கிற தென்பது எனக்குப் புரியவில்லை. ஆதலால், இனிமேலாகிலும், தமிழில் பேசுவதைப் பழக்கத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவரவேண்டுமென்று நான் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகின்றேன். நீங்கள் எல்லோரும் உயர்ந்த படிப்பு ஆங்கிலத்தில் படித்திருக்கலாம். ஆனுல், இந்த நாட்டினுடைய க்ஷேமத்திற்கும், அபி விருத்திக்கும், நாட்டு மக்களின் முன்னேற்றத்திற்கும், தமிழ் வளரு வதற்காகவும் தமிழிலேயே பேசவேண்டுமென்று கனம் அங்கத்தினர்களைக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். சேர்மனும் அதற்கு அதரவு கொடுக்கவேண்டு மென்று அவர்களை அடிபணிந்து கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

SRI T. G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: சேர்மன் அவர்களும் தமிழ் கற்றுக்கொள்ள வேண்டும்.

*SRI N. ANNAMALAI PILLAI: சேர்மன் அவர்களுக்குத் தமிழ் நன்ருகத் தெரியும். அவர் நன்ருகத் தமிழ் பேசுகிறுர், பேசுவதையும் புரிந்துகொள்கிறுர். ஆனுல், அங்கத்தினர்கள் தமிழில்தான் பேசவேண்டு மென்று வற்புறுத்துவதற்கு அவருக்கு அதிகாரம் இல்லை. ஆகையால், வற்புறுத்தித்தான் பேசவேண்டும் என்ற அவசியம் இல்லாமல், மன றத்தில் உள்ளவர்கள் நடக்கவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொண்டு, சேர்மன் அவர்கள் மீண்டும் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டதற்காக என் மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தெரி வித்துக்கொண்டு என்னுடைய வார்த்தையை இத்துடன் நிறுத்திக்கொள் கின்றேன்.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sri M. V. Sudarsanam Naidu will speak. His will be the last speech.

SRI M. V. SUDARSANAM NAIDU: சேர்மன் அவர்களுக்கும் மற்றவர்களுக்கும் என்னுடைய நமஸ்காரம். எல்லோரும் சொன்னதையே திருப்பிச் சொல்லவேண்டியிருக்கிறது. தாங்கள் இந்த மன்றத்திற்குத் தலைவராகத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்படிருப்பதற்காக எல்லோரும் பெரு மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகின்றுர்கள். இதிலே ஒருவருக்குக்கூட எந்தவிதமான ஆட்சேபணையும் இல்லை என்று நினைக்கிறேன். எனென்று கேட்டால், நாங்கள் சில காலமாகப் பார்த்தபோது, கிட்டத்தட்ட எல்லோருக்கும் திருப்தி உண்டாகும் முறையில் கூடுமானவரையில் தாங்கள் நடந்து கொண்டீர்கள் என்பதுதான் என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம்.

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அது மாத்திரம் அல்ல. சேர்மனுடைய ஸ்தானம் காலியாயிற்று என்று சொன்னபோது, ரொம்பப் பேருக்கு வருத்தமாயிருந்தது. அதற்குக் காரணம் அவருடைய அன்பும் ஆதரவும்தான் என்று சொல்ல ஆசைப் படுகிறேன். ஸ்ரீமான் அண்ணாமலை பிள்ளை அவர்கள் சொன்னதுபோல, ஆங்கிலத்தை விட்டுவிடவேண்டும், தமிழிலேயே பேசவேண்டுமென்று வற்புறுத்தி வந்த ஸ்ரீமான் கஜபதி நாயகர் கூட, இன்று ஆங்கிலத்தில் பேசுவதற்குக் காரணம் தங்களுடைய தேர்தலின் வெற்றி என்று தான் நினைக்கத் தோன்றுகிறது. தங்களுடைய தேர்தலினால் ஏற்பட்ட ஆர்வத்தின் காரணமாகவும் மகிழ்ச்சியின் காரணமாகவும்தான் அவர் இன்று ஆங்கிலத்தில் பேசினார் என்று சொல்லவேண்டும். இனி அதைப்பற்றி நான் அதிகமாகப் பேச விரும்பவில்லை. அவரவர்களுடைய உள்ளமே சொல்ல வேண்டிய விஷயம். அதனால், அடுத்தபடியாக சேர்மன் அவர்கள் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட ஒரு சந்தோஷத்தின் மிகுதியினால் நான் ஒரு வேண்டுகோள் விடுகின்றேன்.

எனது நண்பர் ஸ்ரீமான் ராமசாமி நாடார் அவர்கள் குல்லாயைப்பற்றிச் சொன்னார்கள். ஸ்ரீமான் டி. ஜி. கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி அவர்கள் பால்யத்தைப் பற்றிக் குறிப்பிட்டார்கள். விருத்தாப்பியர் வரக்கூடாதென்று சொன்னார்கள். இவர்கள் இரண்டு பேர்களுடைய கருத்தையும் ஒன்று சேர்க்க வேண்டுமென்று நான் இவ்வளவு நேரமாக சிந்தித்துப் பார்த்தேன். நமது சேர்மன் அவர்கள் உட்கார்ந்திருக்கும் நிலையில், அவரே ஒரு வெள்ளைக் குல்லாயை அணிந்துகொண்டிருந்தால் அது மிகவும் பொருத்தமாக இருக்கும். அவர்கள் வெள்ளைக் குல்லாய் போட்டு உட்கார்ந்தால் எவ்வளவு ஆனந்தமாக இருக்கும், பால்யம் திரும்பிவிடும் என்று நான் மனதிலே சிந்தித்துக்கொண்டிருந்தேன்.

அத்துடன் இன்னொரு விஷயத்தையும் குறிப்பிட விரும்புகிறேன். இவ்வளவு பெரிய சம்பிரதாயம் இங்கே நடக்கிறது. ஆனால், இங்கே குடிக்க நல்ல தண்ணீர் இல்லை. உப்புத் தண்ணீரைச் சாப்பிட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். மேயர் ஸ்ரீமதி தாரா செரியன் அவர்கள்கூட இங்கே இருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் எல்லோரும் சேர்ந்து நல்ல ஜலம் சப்ளை செய்யவேண்டும். மேயர் அவர்கள் வந்திருப்பதன் அறிகுறியாகவும், நமது தலைவர் அவர்கள் மறுபடியும் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டதன் அறிகுறியாகவும் நல்ல ஜலம் சப்ளை செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன். இந்தச் சந்தர்ப்பத்திலே நானும் பங்குகொள்ள அனுமதித்ததற்கு நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்து, எல்லாம் வல்ல இறைவன் அவருக்கு நீண்ட ஆயுளைத்தந்து, அவர் நல்ல சேவை புரிய அருள் செய்யவேண்டுமென்று கூறி, என்னுடைய உரையை முடித்துக்கொள்கிறேன்.

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is not the last speech. There is one more speaker. Sri P. T. Rajan will now speak.

* SRI P. T. RAJAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the first place, I am not a doctor. In the second place, I am a newcomer to this Council. Therefore, I have not the authority and experience to speak about you. Seeing that a number of hon. Members have been offering their felicitations to you, a humble person like myself would like to join in that chorus. However, I had been a Member of this House when it was the sole legislature and I had witnessed the proceedings of the House being conducted by a number of Presidents, as they were styled in the old Legislature; I may say, without fear of contradiction, from the short experience I have had of your conduct of the proceedings of this House, that you have maintained the highest traditions. No man is indispensable and when there is a person who is otherwise qualified to fill any office, his services should not be lost. In that sense, I expected you to be re-elected. I am glad that the majority Party decided to utilise

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your services. After all, traditions count a great deal in our life, be it public or private. We are happy to have your services so that this House may have the benefit of your experience and wisdom and earn the regard and respect of other States and other countries.

While offering their congratulations to you, many of the speakers referred to incidents which were not absolutely germane to your office. Perhaps they felt that this was an occasion when they could bring their grievances to your notice. As far as I see, nobody can have a grievance unless his temperament is to find fault with others. You have been fair to us, fair to us as Members of the House, and I hope you will continue to be fair to us—Members of the Government Party and the Members of the Opposition.

I would like to say that Members have been referring to the question of speaking here in Tamil as if every Member can express himself well, clearly and intelligently and to the point in Tamil. I would like to speak in Tamil. But, unfortunately, there are people like myself who perhaps can express themselves better in English. We feel that we might also speak in English. After all, if the criterion for a good Tamilian is to speak in Tamil, then I may attempt to speak in Tamil. I do not feel—and I have given expression to this in the past also—that merely speaking in Tamil, whether in daily life or on platforms, will entitle one to be called a Tamilian. I refuse to be convinced on this matter. To be a Tamilian, it requires other qualities, virtues. Merely because one talks in Tamil, one cannot be taken to be a true Tamilian. 11–20 a.m.

Let me wish you, Mr. Chairman, a successful term of office. As long as you occupy this Chair, I want your office to be one of success so that the House may perform its duties efficiently, honestly and sincerely.

Sir, last but not the least, I wish you a very healthy life so that you may radiate your zeal and cheerfulness to the Members of this House.

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members of this House, I feel more than embarrassed after listening to so many good things you have said about me. You have been exceedingly cordial and friendly and the very many qualities you have mentioned about me, I fail to notice myself. But, I will put it down to your friendship and liberal-hearted affection towards me. The Hon. the Leader of the House, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition and all the other speakers said very many good things about me. I am very grateful to them all for that. I have always felt that this House is the best Upper House in India, I won't say India alone. It has a great place and has earned a great reputation even outside. That reputation and name are not due to my presiding over this House, but due to you, hon. Members of this House. I have always received the greatest co-operation from you. Without your co-operation, I could not discharge my duties. Several things were brought to my notice during the speeches made by several hon. Members.

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The Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman talked about conventions and traditions. We, who have been brought up in traditions and conventions for so many years under a foreign Government, which is very famous for its traditions and conventions, ought to know that in the British Constitution, there are no written articles and that it is all based on conventions. They have established certain rich, worthy and worth while conventions which democracies all over the world follow. That is why the election of a Presiding Officer becomes a very important question. In this respect, I thank you for electing me unanimously. More than that, you have placed Madras on the map of India. Madras has done very many good things. We have been pioneers in many things in the past. Now, this will go down in history just like so many other good things. I am most grateful to you all personally. You have reposed great confidence in me. That is why I say that you have been magnanimous enough to re-elect me as Chairman of this House.

The hon. the Leader of the Opposition rightly said that it would have been better if the Opposition had been consulted in regard to the election of the Presiding Officer. The Opposition is a very important body in any Legislature. It is the Opposition that does very great work. Of course, there is the Government party. But, party regulations, restrictions and everything else do not allow them to say everything that they want to say. It is the Opposition that does it. It does it in a critical and democratic way. When something is said by Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, an internationally-famous gentleman, naturally, it has got great weight behind. So, whenever the Government take any important decision or action in any matter, the Opposition should always be consulted. That will be a healthy convention and I hope we will be able to ensure that tradition and convention.

I am grateful to Dr. Mahomed Usman for the nice words he has said about me and also to most of the other Members. Sri Purushotham, as usual, has brought forward many, many points. He also talked about tradition, rules of the House and other things. He mentioned that non-official days had not been frequent. I agree with him. I hope that the Government will see that the Opposition parties get as many opportunities as possible to put forth their points of view and bring forward their Bills, Resolutions, etc. At the same time, I would like to bring to the notice of the House that the first one-hour—question-hour—given to the House is the best private Member's time that you have. It must be used properly and efficiently. You can bring to the notice of the Government anything during the question-hour and everything can be thrashed out on the floor of the House during that hour. It was also mentioned that the questions were not being answered without much delay. It is nobody's fault. Myself and my office have been sending reminders continuously. But, somehow or other, not only in this House, but in the Legislatures all over the country—I do not know what is the reason—it is never possible to answer questions in quick time. You know, in the House of Commons whose rules and conventions we follow in regard to most of our

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proceedings, the questions are answered within three or four days' time. They spend millions of pounds on communications, cables, wireless, telephones, long-distance calls, etc., so that they could give the information as early as possible to the House. I do not say that we will be able to achieve so much quickness in answering questions here at the present time. But, I must say that at present, the questions are answered very, very late. Something has got to be done. I have done my best during the last six years. I shall contiuue to do that.

Sri T. Purushotham referred to Parliamentary Associations. I hope the Indian Parliamentary Association of which, I think, all of us are Members, will continue to function properly and we will have many more meetings of that Association.

Now, Mr. Purushotham again made a very cogent remark, a very reasonable remark rather, about the Legislative Council Secretariat. According to our Constitution, we may have either a combined Secretariat for the Assembly and the Council or we may have two different Secretariats. I have always felt that the Council—our House rather—should have a Secretariat of its own. I am very glad Mr. Purushotham brought this issue to the notice of the House and I shall do my best to see that the Government agree to the proposal for a separate Secretariat of our own. 11-30 a.m.

Then, about the question of passes. I myself have not stuck my photograph as yet. I do not think it is very essential and I quite agree with hon. Members. After all, everyone of the hon. Members is well-known and if the Watch and Ward sees someone whom he does not know, he can refer to some Member and do something to see that strangers do not get entrance to the Council Chamber without proper authority.

Next is the question of affording chances to as many Members of the House as possible to speak. Believe me, hon. Members, it has always been my anxiety to allow as many Members as possible to speak. But I have felt sad several times that I could not put in as many names as are given to me. Hon. Members must understand that Government business must be carried on. If everybody wants to speak, it is impossible to do any business in the House. I would very earnestly request the Whips on either side of the House that they must come to my help in this matter. Everybody need not speak on everything. It is a well-established fact that the Presiding Officer calls mostly people who can contribute materially to the discussion to speak on the subject in question. Several people not only here but everywhere, speak at length. It is not necessary. At the same time, hon. Members should also bear in mind that other Members also would like to speak. Very often it happens, on the first day of the general discussion on the Budget, hardly anybody speaks. Towards the last day, a large number of names come to me when it is impossible to put in any of these people and allow them to speak. Hon. Members must bear with

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me in that and help me as much as possible. Then it will be easy. One Member need not speak on every Bill. The parties themselves —when I say parties, I mean the Whips—should arrange the names and it will be a great help to the successful working of the House. This is an occasion not for discussing all these things. I have made a note of every suggestion made by hon. Members.

I must not forget my great friend, Mrs. Clubwala, who insisted that more women must be put on Committees. Mary knows that I am the greatest friend of the lady Members of this House and I will do everything possible to put as many lady Members on the Committees as possible. But they must understand it is not in my gift. Names are given to me and I announce them as my own. (Laughter.) I shall certainly make a note and see that more and more ladies are put on the Committees.

Once again, I must thank you. I am very grateful to you and I appreciate your goodness towards me. All Members, including new Members, have paid me compliments, which shows their large-heartedness, and I would request them all to give the same co-operation during the period I preside here in future. I feel I have a right to expect co-operation from you. A majority of the Members, except the new Members, are my personal friends and I have got the greatest regard and respect for them.

I thank the hon. Members once again for this great honour they have done me; it is not an ordinary honour, it is the biggest honour, I have ever received in my life and I shall always remember that. Thank you very much.

The House will now adjourn and meet again at 3 p.m.

The House then adjourned.

(After lunch—3 p.m.)

(Mr. Chairman in the Chair.)

III.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Madras State and Subordinate Services Rules

* 11 *Q.*—Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have amended the Madras State and Subordinate Services Rules stipulating that persons to be recruited to Government service should possess an adequate knowledge of Tamil;

(*b*) if so, whether any representations have been received that it affects those whose mother tongue is not Tamil; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?